U. S. A. Rests In DAB Trial

The Government rested its case against the German-American Vocational League (DAB) and others yesterday, in Newark's U. S. Dis-rtict Court.

But before it did so, Assistant U. S. Attorney Richard Hughes delivered one final blow to the defendants, who are accused of conspiring to serve as agents of the German Government without registering with the State and Justice Depts.

He read from one of the many documents placed in evidence a statement by one of the defendants, Joseph Leiblein, national DAB youth leader, treasurer, and vice-president, saying that the purpose of the DAB's youth group was to indoctrinate its membership with National Socialist ideology.

Two Cases Dropped

The number of the defendants was decreased by two when Judge Thomas Meaney granted Hughes' motion to dismiss from the Federal indictment Emil Roedel, who had been accused as an active participant in the affairs of the San Francisco branch of the DAB, and Karl Kranz, leader of the DAB's Rochester branch, on grounds of insufficient evidence. Kranz is serving an eight-year term for espionage.

Defense motions for dismissal of the remaining indictments will be argued today.

The case, which is starting its sixth week, hasn't attracted as much national interest as the big, flashy Washington sedition trial. The press, on the whole, hasn't given it much coverage, and most Americans don't even know about the trial of the 19 men.

Counsel Quieted Down

Most of the trial's color has come from the defense counsel. At first they made as much noise as they could, interrupting Government questioning with objections, making cracks in the corridors, and, in general, sneering at the whole case.

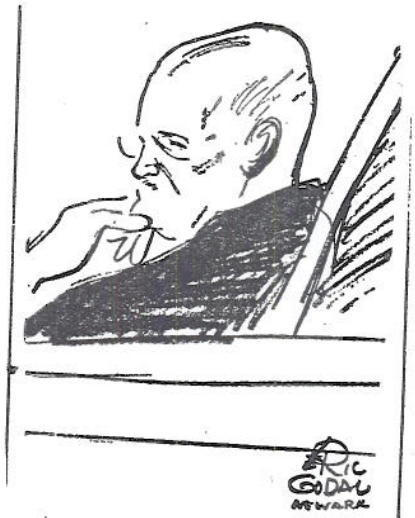
But Meaney has expertly held them and the Government attorneys to strict courtroom procedure, and all is proceeding smoothly and seriously.

The Government's evidence attempts to:

¶ Show a close relationship between the DAB and its members and National Socialist Germany.

¶ Show that the Nazi Party constantly propagandized in North America, and that the DAB was one of the principal outlets for this propaganda.

¶ Tie the individual defendants, from chapters all over the country, in with the central DAB and its activities.



Judge Meaney